Best friend raffles hog at fair to benefit cystic fibrosis

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MADISON – Dawson Miller raffled off his pig at the Elroy Fair last week for his best friend, Tucker Needham, who has cystic fibrosis. Miller decided to donate half the proceeds of the raffle to the Elroy Fair and half to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"Dawson is a neat young man who turned his pig project into something really unique for a close friend," said Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Ben Brancel. "By holding this raffle, Dawson took his knowledge of caring for livestock to the next level and made a positive impact on his fair and cystic fibrosis."

Miller, 11, is in his third year showing. He raised Nubby throughout the spring, feeding and walking him. Nubby weighed-in at 290 pounds.

Raffle tickets were sold prior to the start of the Elroy Fair. Throughout the fair, Miller and Needham paraded the hog throughout the fairgrounds selling tickets. Raffle tickets were sold individually for \$5 or five tickets for \$20.

Secretary Ben Brancel and Dawson Miller take a picture with his pig, Nubby. Miller raffled off the pig at the Elroy Fair to raise money for cystic fibrosis.

\$75 toward processing donated by the Meat Market in Baraboo. Second place won half the hog and \$25 toward processing. Third, fourth and fifth places won \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively.

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